

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 and 16 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

### **I. CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Claims 5 and 9 stand objected to for being improper because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. Accordingly, claims 1-5 were not treated on the merits.

By the present amendment, claims 4, 5 and 9 have been amended to longer be in multiple dependent form and it is submitted that claims 5-10 may now be examined on the merits.

### **II. 35 USC § 102 CLAIM REJECTION**

Claims 1-4 and 11-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,814,183 to Miller (the Miller patent).

By the present amendment, independent claims 1, 11 and 16 have been each amended to recite of using a “pivoting envelope buckling means” (claims 1 and 16) or the step of using a “pivoting inducer” to cause buckling in an envelope. These recitations are clearly not disclosed or suggested by the Miller patent.

In regards to the Miller patent, it merely teaches of using a stop member (22) to cause buckling in a envelope and clearly has no teaching of using a pivoting member to cause buckling in an envelope. Nor does the stop member (22) of the Miller patent engage “opposite sides” of an envelope as does the pivoting member recited in claims 1, 11 and 16 of the instant invention. Accordingly, and at least for these reasons, independent claims 1, 11 and 16 patentably distinguish from the Miller patent.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, 11 and 16, along with their respect depending claims (2-10 and 12-15), overcome the subject 35 USC §102(b) rejection and removal thereof is requested.

**III. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-16 are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested. If the Examiner should have any questions, he is kindly urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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